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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S APRIL 8 SPEECH ON LAW OF SEA AND NEW U.S.  
PROPOSALS: QATARI VIEWS

REF: (A) STATE 84997, (B) STATE 85109

1. ON APRIL 10 AMBASSADOR MADE PRESENTATION BASED ON REF B  
AND GAVE COPY OF SECY'S LOS SPEECH TO DR. HASSAN KAMEL, AMIR  
OF QATAR'S SENIOR POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC/LEGAL ADVISER. KAMEL  
IS ONLY PERSON IN GOQ HIERARCHY WHO IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT LOS  
ISSUES, AND HE WILL BE PERSON TO WHOM GOQ TURNS FIRST AND LAST  
FOR ADVICE AND GUIDANCE. AS MATTER OF FORM, WE WILL PROVIDE  
COPIES OF SPEECH TO AMIR AND FOREIGN MINISTER AS WELL.  
2. KAMEL AGREED COMPLETELY ON URGENCY OF PRESSING FOR CONCLUSION  
OF LOS TREATY THIS YEAR, LEST OPPORTUNITY BE LOST. HE PRAISED  
SECY'S EMPHASIS ON GLOBAL INTERDEPENDENCE THEME. HE SAID  
SECY WAS FIRST MAJOR POWER SPOKESMAN TO ARTICULATE THIS THEME  
PERSUASIVELY AND FORCEFULLY, WITH THE IMPLIED RECOGNITION THAT  
THE DAYS WHEN A HANDFUL OF POWERFUL COUNTRIES COULD IMPOSE  
THEIR

WILL ON THE INTERNATITKAL COMMUNITY WERE OVER. KAMEL NOTED  
THAT QATAR, AS A COASTAL STATE, HAD VITAL INTEREST IN SUCCESSFUL  
INTERNATIONAL REGIME FOR THE OCEANS.

3. RE SPECIFIC NEW US PROPOSALS, KAMEL HAD NO COMMENT TO  
MAKE ON THOSE RELATED TO MARINE SCIENCE RESEARCH. ON DISPUTE  
SETTLEMENT MECHANISM, HE CONCURRED THAT COMPLEXITY OF LOS  
TREATY DEMANDED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TNUBUNAL WHICH WOULD  
HAVE BINDING AUTHORITY TO SETTLE DISPUTES. ON DEEP SEABED  
REGIME, ALTHOUGH KAMEL LISTENED CAREFULLY TO US PROPOSALS,  
HE APPEARED TO LEAN DECISIVELY TOWARD ALL-POWERFUL INTERNATIONAL  
AUTHORITY.

4. KAMEL SAID THAT HE WOULD BRING SECY'S SPEECH, AND SPECIFICALLY  
US PROPOSALS, TO IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF THE AMIR. HE COMMENTED  
THAT HIS

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*Qatar  
Reaction to  
Kissinger Speech*  
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STATED THAT HE WOULD STUDY SECY'S SPEECH CAREFULLY AND THERE-  
AFTER AND AS LOS CONFERENCE PROGRESSED WE WOULD BE IN TOUCH  
FURTHER. PAGANELLI

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